



Food & Nutrition Coalition Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2020, 8:30am – 10:00am

Facilitator:	Kam Sudberry, Eleanor Moreno		
Meeting Attendees:	Abigail LaLonde, AJ Fossil, Alicia Gaitan, Aly Rickman, Alyssa Stickney, Amanda Ciofu, Amy Klinkoski, Austin Roelofs, Brittany Mastenbrook, Carola Carassa, Catherine Landers, Chelsea Totten, Colene Johnson, Deanna Howland, Eleanor Moreno, Emily Schichtel, Erin Skidmore, Gordie Moeller, Heather Hughesian, Heather Win, Janelle Johnson, Jennifer Smith, Julie Brunson, Julie Melia, Kam Sudberry, Kelly Hagemeyer, Linda Jones, Rachel McKay, Sydney Watson, Tracy Booth, Wende Randall, Brianne Czyzio Robach		
Time Convened:	8:40	Time Adjourned:	10:05

Introductions

Host Remarks: SECOM

Discussion

Joy Petroelje, Executive Director of SECOM shared that they serve neighbors through three main programming areas – food, preschool, and empowerment. They have a pantry program and garden. Their preschool is through early neighborhood collaborative and provides full day preschool for 3- and 4-year olds. Empowerment programs help neighbors address barriers and set goals. One program combines volunteerism with the ability to earn credits to purchase holiday gifts.

3 Questions and Report-Out

Discussion

Table groups discussed 3 questions:

- What questions do you have? What clarity is needed?
- What did you learn/gain?
- What is your call to action?

One group discussed collaborating with multiple local gardens to develop educational materials that can be shared at all gardens. Question around how values intersect across different programs. They are working to infuse the gardens across all programming.

Review Emergency Weather Recommendations

Discussion

Wende briefly provided updates on the emergency weather recommendations developed last winter. She encouraged members to go back to agencies, discuss how emergency events core purpose and mission, and explore ways to meet some of these barriers, i.e.: language barriers. 2-1-1 can accommodate any language through language line. For resources such as utility assistance, refer clients to 2-1-1.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline

2020 Action Team Planning

Discussion

Action teams reviewed 2019 goals and action steps, their problem and hope statements, and FNC's guiding star. Teams were asked to develop action steps for 2020 that are in line with guiding star.



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Each action team reported out a few goals for 2020.

- Education discussed increasing involvement with ENTF as well as creating an educational video that can be shared throughout Kent County.
- Policy team reflected on 2019 goals. This year, they hope to build relationships with local legislatures. In addition, talked about a training around what nonprofits are allowed to do in terms of advocacy.
- Health brainstormed major ideas that impact their problem statement. They wondered how ENTF's website could be used to share links to resources.
- Community Power will continue the goal of moving locations through the community. They also want to get a better understanding of best practices for community engagement. The group may engage the community in forums so they can provide input to ENTF.

Announcements

Discussion

At the November meeting, group members were encouraged to reach out to other subcommittee members and learn more about their agency and role. Members will be asked to give a brief report-out of their experience during the February meeting.

FitKids360: Mentoring Orientation – Tuesday, January 14. Participants will learn more about mentor role and responsibilities. The Winter session will be Jan 21 – March 3.

Children's Museum: They are hosting a "Grown-Up" Playdate on February 7

Food Summit: Friday, January 31 at GVSU

Access of West Michigan: Walk for Good Food funding applications are available.

Salvation Army: is hosting a 6-week Cooking Matter Class for adults. The first session is Jan 24 from 1-3pm.

The ENTF calendar has a page that allows agencies to add events. Go to <http://entfkent.org/events/> and click the link at the bottom of the page - [Would you like to add an event to the calendar? Click here!](#)

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 12